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DISINFECTING COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING

SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2005. Claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 1-38 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- Claims 1-27, and 37-38 are said to be drawn to a composition comprising greater than about 0.1 wt% hydrogen peroxide, aromatic acid, surfactant, optional solvent, and carrier, classified in Class 424, subclass 616, class 510, subclass 131;
- Π. Claims 28-36 are said to be drawn to a method of disinfecting comprising applying the composition of claim 1 to a substrate, classified in Class 422, subclass 28+;

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group 1, without traverse.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Application No.: 10/625271

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at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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